

## Board for Geologists and Geophysicists

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# Board for Geologists and Geophysicists Board Meeting Agenda

Date: February 16, 2007

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Department of Consumer Affairs

DCA Hearing Room - Suite S-102 1625 North Market Boulevard Sacramento, CA 95834

Board Members: William Black, President; Richard Blake, Vice-President; Shirley Husar; James Ashby: Shavan Samii: Jeffery Schmidt: and Cecilia Yu.

Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

### 2. Minutes

- <u>Action</u>: The Board will consider adoption of minutes for December 8, 2006 and December 22, 2006 Board meetings.
- 3. Executive Officer Report (Rempel)
  - a. Functional Unit Re-organization
  - b. Administrative and Logistical Support Unit: Budget update with current year and long-term solvency outlook
    - <u>Action</u>: The Board will consider directing Executive Officer to develop plans to offer Fundamentals of Geology, Practice of Geology and California Specific examinations twice yearly, alternating between Northern and Southern California beginning in 2008 in order to meet budgetary projections to maintain the solvency of the Geology and Geophysics Fund.
  - c. Professional Standards Unit:
    - i. Enforcement Report
    - ii. Evaluation of exam applicants' qualifying education and experience
    - <u>Action</u>: The Board will consider directing staff to monitor all licensure applications received for compliance with minimum education and experience requirements.
  - d. Examination Unit:
    - <u>Action</u>: The Board will consider directing staff to prepare a letter for the Board President's signature requesting ASBOG<sup>®</sup> to provide Member Boards sufficient notice of agenda items to facilitate timely review and discussion in advance of the Annual Meeting.
      - Cooperative Initiative with National Ground Water Association regarding hydrogeologist certification

#### 4. Board Member Reports

- a. Business and Professions Code (BPC) §7847 Application Review Committee (Ashby, Blake)
  - Action: The Board will consider if qualifications of applicants for licensure under BPC §7847 held over from the October 27, 2006 Board meeting conform to the requirements

- of the Geologists and Geophysicists Act and rules established by the Board.
- <u>Action</u>: The Board will consider directing staff to seek amendment to BPC §7847 to clarify legislative intent of the section.
- <u>Action</u>: The Board will consider extending the moratorium on processing further applications for licensure under BPC §7847.
- b. Legislative Committee (Black, Schmidt)
- c. Sunset Committee (Ashby, Husar)
  - Action: The Board will consider directing the Sunset Committee to contact Senator Mark Ridley-Thomas and Assemblyperson Mike Eng in accordance with their 'open door' policy to discuss sunset review issues.
  - Action: The Board will consider directing the Sunset Committee to utilize the expertise
    of previous Board member's sunset review experience to draft the current Sunset
    Review Report.
  - <u>Action</u>: The Board will consider directing the Executive Officer to work with the Sunset Committee to prepare a draft sunset report for the May 18, 2007 meeting.
- d. Outreach Committee (Blake, Husar)
  - <u>Action</u>: The Board will consider directing Executive Officer to work with the Outreach Committee to develop and implement a cost-effective and web-based Public Education and Consumer Outreach programs.
- e. Strategic Plan and Board Member Guidelines and Procedures Committee (Blake, Schmidt)
  - <u>Action</u>: The Board will consider a plan to update the Strategic Plan for the May 18, 2007 meeting.
  - <u>Action</u>: The Board will consider appointing and directing a committee to review and update Board Member Guidelines and Procedures for Board action at the May 18, 2007 meeting.
- 5. Standing Committee Reports
  - a. Examination Committee (Sterbentz)
    - <u>Action</u>: The Board will consider directing the Examination Committee to focus on building the California Specific Examination question bank to facilitate twice yearly examinations and to meet as frequently as needed to meet this goal by 2008.
  - b. Technical Advisory Committee (Mello)
    - <u>Action</u>: The Board will consider extending expiring terms of committee members Mello, Crosby, Miele and Vyverberg.
  - c. Enforcement Oversight Committee (Magorien)
    - Action: The Board will consider confirmation of appointment of Tony Sawyer to EOC.
    - Action: The Board will consider proposed revisions to CCR, Title 16, §3065 "Code of Professional Standards."
- 6. Closed Session Personnel Matters, Examination Procedures and Results, Administrative Adjudication, and Pending Litigation [Pursuant to Government Code §11126(a) and (b), §11126(c)(1), §11126(c)(3) and §11126(e)(1)]
  - a. Executive Officer Search Committee Report (Blake, Samii)
  - b. Pending Litigation: Superior Court Case No. 02CC17018
- 7. Open Session to announce results of Closed Session (Black)
- 8. Public Forum

This time is scheduled to provide the public with an opportunity to address the Board on items not on the agenda; however, the Board may not take action on such items at this time.

9. Adjourn

Note: Starting time is approximate. Agenda items may be taken out of sequence at the discretion of the President for convenience of the Board and members of the public. The Board will break for lunch at approximately 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. as determined by the Board President.

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You are encouraged to attend and to participate in Board meetings, which are held in barrier free facilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Times and order of business noted on the meeting agenda are approximate and subject to change.

Board meetings are governed by the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Government Code Section 11120, et seq), which sets forth the following:

It is the public policy of this state that public agencies exist to aid in the conduct of the people's business and the proceedings of public agencies be conducted openly so that the public may remain informed.

In enacting this article the Legislature finds and declares that it is the intent of the law that actions of state agencies be taken openly and that their deliberation be conducted openly.

The people of this state do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies which serve them. The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist on remaining informed so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created.

If you wish to address the Board regarding any particular agenda item or during the "Public Forum" on an issue that is not on the agenda, please indicate your interest on a "Public Participation Card" available at the meeting and return it to a Board staff member so you may be heard at the appropriate time. Persons addressing the Board who wish to remain anonymous may do so. The Board President may limit time allotted for public comments according to the number of people who wish to speak.

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